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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Covert Action Staff

SUBJECT: Research and Development Having Application
to Counterinsurgency Activities

1. Recently you requested this office to prepare a statement commenting on the R&D projects under way or contemplated in support of the Counterinsurgency Program. This request contained copies of the CIA and DOD programs on this subject.

2. As you are aware, the DD/R has no responsibility or, more importantly, any capability to assist the Agency in R&D on counterinsurgency, with the possible exception of high altitude reconnaissance and Elint. It seems that these two subjects have relatively little application to counterinsurgency activities. It would seem most appropriate that the Agency's R&D efforts would be primarily in support of CIA's particular type of counterinsurgency operations and not across the board. As far as I can determine, practically all of this is being accomplished within the DD/P and the Office of Communications.

3. In view of the above, I feel that the DD/R cannot at present provide a useful input to the R&D program for counterinsurgency, nor implement any portion thereof unless it were concerned with Elint or aerial reconnaissance. We stand ready to consult or advise on these two subjects as your office desires.

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